

DATE: March 24, 2004
TO: Pasadena Laptop Test Center Applicants
FROM: Committee of Bar Examiners
Re: February 2004 California Bar Examination Incidents

During the Committee of Bar Examiners' (Committee) March 19 and 20, 2004 meeting, the Committee determined that the following action will be taken relative to the flooding of the test center and problems with the computer software during the Thursday morning session:

1. A PT-B score for applicants taking the examination at the Pasadena Laptop test center be imputed using their performance on the other written sections of the test (using whole numbers and standard rounding rules);
2. An analysis as to whether the applicants taking the examination with laptop computers were adversely affected by the software problem that occurred during the Essay Questions 4, 5 and 6 be performed; and,
3. If an adverse impact is identified, the appropriate approach that is psychometrically sound for adjusting the scores of the applicants affected be determined and implemented.

The grading of the examination is underway and any adjustments that are made will occur during the calculation of scores. Currently, the date for the release of results to the applicants who took the examination remains May 21, 2004. You will need your registration and applicant numbers, noted above, to access the website beginning 6:00 pm that evening.

While you are welcome to write to the Committee concerning these issues, please understand that nothing more can be done pending the outcome of the grading process.

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